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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Buhning, et al.)	Group Art Unit : 1641
Appl. No.	:	09/996,030)	
Filed	:	November 16, 2001)	
For	:	METHOD FOR BINDING BASOPHILS AND MAST CELLS)	
Examiner	:	Cook, Lisa V.)	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed May 20, 2003. In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-15, drawn to a method for binding cells with an antibody that binds the cells and further binds antibody 97A6, classified in Class 435, subclass 7.21, for example. This election is made without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the remaining claims in a divisional application. Accordingly, prompt examination on the merits of Claims 1-15 is respectfully requested.

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No fees are believed to be due for the present Response, however, would any fees be due, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: June 11, 2003

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